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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT : Project OXCART, [REDACTED]
(R-12 Mock-Up Meeting at LAC, 11-13 December 1963)

REFERENCE: Memo for the Record from C/SS/OSA; OXC-8174
Dated 10 December 1963; Subject: As Above

1. Since the preparation of reference, I received a cable from Lockheed indicating that Kelly Johnson plans to have 37 representatives of Lockheed attend the mock-up meeting!

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2. I called this new information to the attention of the DAD/OSA at 1555 hours this date and noting that [REDACTED] was not info on the message from Lockheed, I called Col. Geary at 1558 hours. I intended to inform him of the fact that Lockheed proposed to have 37 representatives at the meeting which would bring the total number up to 118, plus. However, Col. Geary had already departed for the West Coast.

3. From the security standpoint I restate that I am most seriously concerned of the size of this meeting. To make matters worse there are blended together in this large group numerous individuals who are cleared only at the Phase II level. This means that these individuals should not be aware of the CIA involvement in the Project. In a gathering such as this, however, although the people cleared at the higher level will be security briefed before the meeting, it is extremely difficult to maintain the desired degree of compartmentation.

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4. In view of the fact that the participants in the meeting are assembling at the present time in the Los Angeles area, this meeting must go on. It is strongly suggested, however, that as soon as possible we get together with Col. Geary and if necessary, [REDACTED] and have a full reassessment of the manner in which the security of

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[] will be implemented in the future. We should particularly address ourselves to the philosophy behind the determination of the number of individuals required to participate in such meetings as the one scheduled for 11 December 1963.

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